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Police prep for Canada's 150th

SECURITY

**1.75 million are
expected to visit
to celebrate the
occasion in 2017**



**Joe
Lofaro**
Metro | Ottawa

It may be 717 days away, but the Ottawa Police Service is already planning for what's expected to be a year-long birthday celebration in the capital for Canada's sesquicentennial.

Mayor Jim Watson has made it clear he wants the city to "act as a magnet" to draw an anticipated 1.75 million tourists to Ottawa to celebrate the country's 150th birthday by hosting signature events throughout the year.

"In 2017 we're going to have some demands placed upon the Ottawa Police Service that we haven't experienced before," said Supt. Scott Nystedt, who is in charge of emergency operations.

"If we don't start planning now and get prepared, we won't be ready and the risk will certainly be high."

It's still early to say how the force will deploy its officers in 2017.

But one of the challenges the force is already struggling with — and will have to address in

2017 — is the demand for paid duty officers at special events.

Normally, clients hire off-duty constables for paid duty contracts to be present at an event or large gathering. But the demand has been so high that 2015 was the first year higher-ranking officers like inspectors and superintendents were contracted for paid duty, according to Nystedt.

"Sometimes you'll see someone out there with a gold badge directing traffic," he said. "Like at the Ottawa Race Weekend, we had several of our senior officers on point duty."

"Right now, with all the construction in the city and all the things with the work we're doing at the cenotaph to support

DND, it certainly has its demands upon us."

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Supt. Scott Nystedt

Police officers won't be the only ones providing security for events. Volunteers, private security, special constables and civilians are also options on the table.

The police's 2017 plan is still preliminary, but the force said it is also looking into the possibility of entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Ontario Provincial Police to assist in policing certain events.

In April, the federal budget allocated \$10 million to police over the next five years to help cover the cost of policing the capital, which is home to several demonstrations and state visits each year.

ONE COOL CAT



TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

**Ottawa's Bella Cat brings her raucous party to the
Monster Stage at RBC Ottawa Bluesfest on Wednesday.**



OVERBROOK

Two men charged after shooting

Ottawa police have charged two men in connection to a shooting in Overbrook on Tuesday morning.

Heavily armed tactical officers were called in to Lilas Private shortly after 8 a.m. when residents heard the sound of gunfire at a townhouse they say is known for drug use and loud parties.

One man was sent to hospital for "traumatic injuries" shortly after the shooting, according to paramedics.

Kurlan Lawrence, 29, has been charged with attempted murder, discharging a firearm with intent to wound and possessing a dangerous weapon.

Moussa Osman, 28, faces several charges, including pointing a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, possessing a firearm without a licence and aggravated assault.

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was also called in to investigate the incident, after one of the men was sent away in an ambulance and the other in cuffs from the scene of Lilas Private.

The SIU investigates incidents where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault during a police operation.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

GATINEAU

Officer suspended on perjury charges

A Gatineau police officer is facing six perjury charges stemming from his 2012 sexual assault trial.

Jeffrey Greetham, 52, has been suspended from the force with pay, following an internal police investigation.

On June 13, 2011, Greetham was accused of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old woman.

The latest allegations stem from testimony he made during that trial on Dec. 19, 2012. He was acquitted on June 4, 2013, but police filed an application for review to

the Administrative Court of Quebec.

Greetham has a history of disciplinary hearings. In February 2011, he was dismissed after a hearing found him guilty of "improper conduct" linked to incidents that took place in April and May 2010.

In a statement, written in French, Gatineau police chief Mario Harel said "police are not above the law. We expect that they meet the highest standard of professional ethics, otherwise they will face penalties and justice."

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CRA raids Vanier tax preparation office

BUSINESS

Woman says service messed up her returns for three years



Joe Lofaro
Metro|Ottawa

The Canada Revenue Agency remained tight-lipped after it raided the office of a tax preparation service in Vanier Tuesday.

CRA agents showed up at the business — known as Tax Preparation — on McArthur Avenue to search the premises in the morning with the assistance of the RCMP.

Investigators scoured the office well into the evening and appeared to seize several documents.

The office offers income tax services and leases a small unit next to a group of condo buildings at Chateau Vanier.

Marc Desjardins, president of the condo board, told Metro the CRA did not give any details about its investigation when they came to the office on Tuesday with a warrant.

When asked about the nature of the investigation and if customers should be concerned, CRA spokesman Paul Murphy refused to comment, citing section 241 of the Income Tax Act.



Officers with the RCMP and Canada Revenue Agency visited a tax preparation office on McArthur Avenue in Ottawa on Tuesday. JOE LOFARO/METRO

The investigation is of concern to Lindsay Gagnon who said the tax service "royally screwed up" her taxes over a three-year period.

The Ottawa resident works full-time but also has a small business she manages on the side.

She claims the tax preparation service erroneously wrote off her business expenses as personal ex-

penses in 2011, 2012, and 2013.

She said the mistake led to her being audited by the CRA in 2014 for those three years. She was originally told she owed \$4,897. After a reassessment, the amount was lowered to \$1,900, which she paid off with her 2014 refund, she said.

"It's still a lot of money," she said in an interview on Tuesday.

"I clearly said, 'This is for my

business, these are for my expenses related to my business' and they just disregarded that altogether. I took time off work to go back and see them. I had to take the time to call the government three separate times so you're looking at least half an hour each time."

Calls to the Tax Preparation office were not returned Tuesday or Wednesday.

BARRHAVEN

Via Rail trains told to stop whistling at Greenbank Road

Barrhaven residents tired of hearing train whistles all day can remove their earplugs and heavy a sigh of relief.

Via trains will cease whistling at the Greenbank Road crossing as of Saturday at 12:01 a.m., the Crown corporation said Wednesday.

City council voted June 24 to formally request that Via Rail stop blowing whistles at the crossing, which is undergoing construction for a grade-

separated crossing.

"VIA Rail and the City of Ottawa will monitor activities at and around the crossing to ensure that they support the cessation of train whistling at Greenbank Road," the rail company said in a statement Wednesday.

Barrhaven Coun. Jan Harder has called the train whistles "hellishly loud," saying the whistles sound 16 to 18 times a day up until 11 p.m.

Silencing the whistles returns things to how they were before construction started on the new underpass. Since 1985, trains have been prohibited from sounding their whistles at the Greenbank Road crossing, and others in Ottawa.

When construction started, the crossing was temporarily rerouted, and federal rules required the whistling as a safety measure.

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A Via Rail train moves through Halifax in this 2013 photo. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Gender & politics in Ottawa

MICHAEL WOODS METRO

Women in Ottawa may be better off living across the river, according to a new report on gender inequality that provides a stark reminder of female scarcity among municipal elected officials in Ottawa.

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The proportion of both women and men in Ottawa who hold university degrees

32%

Municipal elected officials in Gatineau who are women

19%

Municipal elected officials in Ottawa who are women

69%

Men's employment rate in Ottawa

62%

Women's employment rate in Ottawa

The study by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives ranks 25 Canadian cities based on the gaps between men and women in five areas: economic security, leadership, health, personal security and education.

Overall, Gatineau is the second-best city in Canada to be a woman. Ottawa, however, finished 11th on the list.

Ottawa was particularly hurt by its 15th-place performance in the "leadership" category. Women constitute only 19 per cent of elected officials in the city and its outlying areas. Only four women sit on Ottawa's 24-member city council.

"The fact that one in three women in Ottawa have a university degree and yet we have persistently low levels of women on our city council is really striking," said CCPA senior researcher Kate McInturff, the author of the report. "I think that's something for all of us to think about."

She said cities could look to policies in Quebec that help women balance work and family life, such as affordable child care and closing the wage gap, would place women in better positions to seek elected office.

Coun. Marianne Wilkinson, who has long worked at helping women

get involved in politics and run for office, cited a number of factors that dissuade women from running for council, including unfair media scrutiny and the relative difficulty women have raising money.

"We have to try to make it more attractive for women to run, to see the benefit in running not just for themselves, but for the community," Wilkinson said.

Cities like Gatineau and winner Victoria, where there is a large public sector employer, were lauded for narrowing the wage gap. Women in Gatineau have the smallest gap in their pay, earning 87 cents for every dollar men earn.

Ottawa was also ranked 11th in "security." The rate of sexual assault and intimate partner violence reported to Ottawa police in 2013 was more than double the average for the top 25 cities.

The report notes that because 90 per cent and 70 per cent of such incidents, respectively, go unreported, they don't reflect actual violence levels. But it also notes levels of violence against women haven't changed much in 20 years nationwide.

"This is a problem which cities share across the country," McInturff said. "We really clearly need a lot more political will and energy put toward lowering those rates."

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Kate McInturff

38%

Senior managers in both Ottawa and Gatineau who are women

11%

Gatineau men living in poverty

13%

Gatineau women living in poverty

80 years

Average lifespan of an Ottawa man

84 years

Average lifespan of an Ottawa woman

TOP CANADIAN CITIES FOR WOMEN

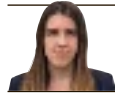
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13. Kelowna
14. Regina
15. St. John's
16. St. Catharines-Niagara
17. Kingston
18. Winnipeg
19. Sherbrooke
20. Hamilton
21. Saskatoon
22. Windsor
23. Calgary
24. Edmonton
25. KW-Cambridge



Silver Scissors shines again

THE GLEBE

Salon is first business to reopen after destructive fire



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

One of the Glebe businesses destroyed in a massive blaze in April has reopened — just a block down from its old address.

“We feel satisfied now, like we’ve completed something,” said owner Eli Saikaley, taking customers alongside co-owners Bruce Saikaley and Laila Saikaley. “To be in the same area, four blocks from where we were, it’s amazing.”

Silver Scissors hair salon first opened in 1979, the first unisex shop in the area, according to Saikaley. He said many customers would travel to a different location, but the history made it important to stay in the neighbourhood.

“After being here for 32 years I know everyone in the area, I’ve worked with everyone in



Co-owners Bruce, Laila and Eli Saikaley have relocated their hair salon just down the street from the location that burned down in April. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

the area and we feel like we belong here. We’re part of the fabric and we love the Glebe,” he said.

The new location replaces the Queen Mother Maternity

store at 877 Bank St., which closed in June.

Saikaley and his team put the new salon together in three weeks and it looks completely different, with sleek chande-

liers, brushed chrome mirrors and a giant black-and-white mural.

“It’s a lot lighter and brighter,” said Saikaley. “We’ve had so many new customers and a lot

“**To be in the same area, four blocks from where we were, it’s amazing.**

Silver Scissors owner
Eli Saikaley

of regulars coming in, too, and everyone is so happy for us.”

Six businesses were gutted in the fire, including Silver Scissors, a Mac’s convenience store, a Pizza Hut, the Beaver’s Mug Café, Browns Cleaners and recently opened Encino Taco Shop.

Silver Scissors is the first business to reopen, and the boarded up, burnt-out storefronts are still visible a block down the street.

“It was a longer process than I thought, learning about insurance and what goes on with this. It’s been a very long process,” said Saikaley.

He said he has heard the owners of the burnt-out building are planning to tear it down in August. Police have said the fire was deliberately set, but they have yet to make any arrests.

IN BRIEF

Coun. Brockington’s audit off after committee vote

River Ward Coun. Riley Brockington is off the hook for a full election audit after a committee voted 4-1 in his favour.

Last week the city election compliance committee received six requests to audit councillors for their spending in the 2014 election. The group voted to investigate West Carleton-March Coun. Eli El-Chantiry and Bay Ward Coun. Mark Taylor.

The decision on Brockington had been deferred until July 15.

“I believe people should have the right to review these statements but I’ve been frustrated now two campaigns in a row by the same person,” said Brockington. “There’s a million people in this city and no one in River Ward complained about my financial statement.”

Brockington said that Pat Ready, the resident that filed the request for the audits, targeted him because of a long-standing personal feud.

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BACKSTAGE PASS

Get cheeky at Ottawa's eighth No Pants Dance Party



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There will be a party in nobody's pants Friday night at Babylon.

Hundreds of revellers will be taking off their trousers during the eighth annual No Pants Dance Party — a celebration of underwear, skin and a whole lot of leg.

It's the type of party that brings new meaning to letting loose.

"People get pretty wild," says Miss Helvetica Bold, burlesque performer and or-

ganizer of all eight No Pants Dance Parties. She says the revelries are as much about celebrating no pants as they are about celebrating whatever you've got underneath — silk panties, polka dot boxers, tighty whities.

"People compliment each other on their underwear, which you don't get to do on the street. You don't know who is wearing a little purple thong or who is wearing Batman underoos, but at this party you do," she says. "I think people are really into their underwear and their lingerie."

The party will probably see a lot of people show up early, as revellers won't have to toil in the mirror, asking, "do these pants make me look fat?" Just don't wear 'em.

But if you feel weird leaving the house in your under-



Things will get a little wild when Ottawa partiers take off their pants at the No Pants Dance Party at Babylon Friday. CONTRIBUTED

pants, the bar has a pants check. Yup, no coat check, just a pants check. Leave your leggings at the door and paint the night in your knickers. And Bold says that when she sees people drop

their pants, they are always smiling.

"If people have one thing in common, generally, it's that we don't like pants. I don't know anybody who doesn't wear pants, do

you?" says Bold.

"They are uncomfortable, they are restrictive. It's like the famous Homer Simpson quote, 'Don't you hate pants?' I don't know anyone who likes them."

Miss Bold certainly won't show up in pants, more likely fishnet stockings, a corset and some heels, as her burlesque troupe will be performing throughout the night, alongside Vancouver's Diamond Minx.

The dance floor will be thumping to DJ Lowpass' selection of quality Top 40 and hip-hop beats — tunes that'll get into your legs before moving up into your rump to make you go bump bump.

"It's sweaty, it's hot, it's awesome," adds Bold.

"Everybody is sexy to someone, so it's just a really good celebration of self love and body diversity."

As with any party with minimal clothing, there is always the worry of sexual harassment or body shaming. Miss Bold has a strict no tolerance policy on things like inappropriate touching, unauthorized photography and aside from the "odd idiot," the parties have been virtually problem free.

Tickets are \$8 with doors opening at 10 p.m.

Time to get comfy.



(Usually) you don't know who is wearing a little purple thong or who is wearing Batman underoos, but at this party you do.

Miss Helvetica Bold, organizer, burlesque performer





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TRANSPORTATION

Ontario must raise gas tax, says expert

Ontario should immediately and substantially raise the gas tax and begin creating more road tolls to pay for transportation infrastructure.

The recommendation from a Trent University road pricing expert is being released just as the Pan Am Games are sparking controversy about regional road congestion.

A report by professor emeritus Harry Kitchen, for the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance

of Ontario (RCCAO), argues that Queen's Park should hike the gas tax this year from 14.7 cents to 23 cents a litre.

Coupled with a similar rise in diesel fuel tax, the increase could generate up to \$14 billion over seven years for infrastructure spending. The report recommends the initial 8.3-cent jump at the pump be indexed to the rate of inflation each year for the next five to seven years.

The money could go toward

the \$130 billion the province has earmarked over the coming decade for infrastructure, leaving more general revenues to pay down Ontario's \$10.9-billion deficit. The higher cost of driving would nudge motorists to more efficient cars, reduce the distance they travel and cut greenhouse gas emissions, says the report, entitled A Case for Increasing Provincial Fuel Taxes.

The RCCAO "is trying to encourage the government to do

the right thing," said executive director Andy Manahan, who was a member of Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne's 2013 transit panel that recommended higher fuel taxes to raise money for transit.

He said he will send a copy of Kitchen's report to former TD Bank CEO Ed Clark who was appointed provincial business adviser by Wynne in June in part to look for new sources of revenue.

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Bluesfest attendee Aaron Nilsen snapped a photo of a confederate flag being waved before a Brantley Gilbert concert.

TWITTER/AARON NILSEN

Man wasn't kicked out over banner

BLUESFEST

Confederate flag not why concertgoer told to leave



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

A man was allegedly escorted out of the RBC Ottawa Bluesfest on Tuesday night for brandishing the Confederate flag, according to several Twitter reports.

But festival organizer Joe Reilly said security was not given instructions to remove people who were wearing Confederate flag imagery.

"People are escorted out of the festival by security for

a lot of reasons, due to behaviour issues," said Reilly. "I don't know why he was taken out."

Reilly said the man might have been removed because he was intoxicated or acting rowdy, or because the flag's stick posed a safety risk.

"Our security circulates the park, the most important thing is the safety of all patrons," he said.

He said he personally knew of only two incidents of the flags seen in the park the entire night.

Tuesday night performers Brantley Gilbert and Lynyrd Skynyrd have both incorporated the Confederate flag into their image at different times.

Earlier in the week a petition was started by the Ottawa chapter of Black Lives Matter after an American man was seen wearing Confederate flag shorts.

The petition calls on Bluesfest to apologize for allowing the man to enter the festival grounds and has reached 83 signatures. Bluesfest has said it will review its clothing policy but make no immediate changes.



The most important thing is the safety of all patrons.

Joe Reilly, festival organizer



Defector Orlando Sotolongo, left, with his silver medal teammates in quadruple sculls in St. Catharines. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cubans win silver, then defect to U.S.

PAN AM GAMES

4 members of rowing team cross border

Four Cuban rowers have defected from the Pan American Games and travelled to the United States, their coach said Wednesday.

Liosmel Ramos and Wilber Turro dropped out before the regatta began on Saturday, while Manuel Suarez and Orlando Sotolongo competed in earlier races

and then withdrew, said coach Juan Carlos Reyes. The four have been in touch with teammates through Facebook, Reyes said.

The Games rowing venue in St. Catharines, Ont., is only a few kilometres from the U.S. border.

Games officials said Wednesday morning that they weren't aware of the defections.

"I'm not aware of the specific point but we have a protocol that we would follow. This is something that is dealt with through our integrated security unit and if necessary, through the relevant national Olympic committee,"

said Games CEO Saad Rafi.

Cuban refugees can apply for permanent residence a year after being cleared that they have no criminal or prior immigration history, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement.

Before defecting, two of the rowers had won silver medals at the Pan Am Games: Sotolongo, 18, placed second in the men's quadruple sculls, as did Suarez, 25, in the men's coxless fours.

Turro, Ramos and Suarez won gold together in the men's lightweight coxless four at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Mexico.

Dozens have defected, many from Cuba, at international sports events over the years.

Eight members of the Cuban delegation defected when Canada last hosted the Pan Am Games in 1999. When Winnipeg first staged the Games in 1967, a Cuban boxer defected shortly after winning a gold medal. Two players from the Cuban women's soccer team defected in 2011 after facing off with the Canadian squad in Vancouver in an Olympic qualifying match, then reunited with relatives in the U.S.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Animals heading south to flee fires

The wildfires in northern Saskatchewan have been burning since late May, leaving forests charred and barren and forcing wildlife to find new homes.

Animals such as elk, deer, moose and bears have the instinct to get ahead of the forest fire before it's too late, Darrell Crabbe, executive director of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, told radio station CKOM.

They migrate to habitats that can provide them the food and shelter they need. In this case, many have been moving south.

"It does create those islands of habitat that will protect them," Crabbe said. "We usually get a high concentration of animals there, and it might take them the rest of the summer or fall before they can disperse out of there."

Crabbe said he's heard from

people in Candle Lake, for example, who report an increase in animals in the provincial park just south of the evacuation zone.

Be he said he's concerned about at-risk species such as caribou, who live in "old forest" areas that are usually the first to burn.

"They probably would make it out but I don't know where would they go from there, because there's not a lot of old forest left across Canada."

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It might take them the rest of the summer ... before they can disperse.

Darrell Crabbe

OFFICIAL HONOURS

Sovereign's medal to laud volunteers

A new official honour has been created to recognize Canadian volunteers.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers will be awarded to those who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contributions to their community.

Governor General David Johnston announced the establishment of the new medal — which replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian award — on Wednesday, following its approval by the Queen. He said the medal will emphasize Canada's commitment to giving.

The last federal budget gave

the governor general an additional \$2.8 million per year to update Canada's honours system.

In addition to the new medal, the money is being spent on more proactive outreach around the other available honours, including the Order of Canada and Meritorious Service Decorations.

The Sovereign Medal will bear two intertwined hearts, symbolizing generosity and the action of caring, while its ribbon will incorporate the blue and gold colours of the prior governor general's award while adding a deep red colour to represent the sovereign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PREMIERS' MEETING

PM's absence 'a slap in the face'

Canada's premiers support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations and will act on them with or without Ottawa's help, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Paul Davis said Wednesday.

"We will together, jointly, make this happen," Davis told a news conference after hosting provincial and territorial leaders and the heads of five national native groups in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L.

Davis said the provinces have not only pledged to act on the commission's 94 recommendations but, in some cases, have already started.

"They're important commitments that we need to follow up on." Otherwise, what Davis described as the commission's important work could be wasted,

We will together, jointly, make this happen.

N.L. Premier Paul Davis

he said. Prime Minister Stephen Harper's long-standing absence from first ministers' meetings is a missed chance for collaboration, Davis said.

"We all believe that the federal government should be providing that leadership. In the absence of the federal government, instead of just letting it sit and wait, we're going to take those steps."

Davis said Manitoba will host a second national roundtable on missing and murdered aboriginal women to follow up on last win-

ter's event in Ottawa.

The RCMP has reported that almost 1,200 aboriginal women have been murdered or have vanished since 1980. The premiers made a united push last summer for a public inquiry into the issue but Ottawa has refused.

Dawn Lavell Harvard, president of the Native Women's Association of Canada, said she was pleased with Wednesday's meeting despite what she called a lack of respect from Ottawa.

Violence against indigenous women and girls is "a grave violation of human rights," Lavell Harvard told the closing news conference. She lashed out at the federal government for not attending, saying it was "an insult to the memories of those women and girls" and "a slap in the face."

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BAILOUT

Anti-austerity protesters hurl petrol bombs as debate kicks off

Rioters hurled petrol bombs at police who responded with tear gas as an anti-austerity demonstration outside parliament turned violent Wednesday, while Greek lawmakers began debating contentious measures needed to start negotiations on a new bailout and avoid financial collapse.

Groups of youths among the more than 12,000 protesters smashed storefronts and set at least one vehicle alight. The clashes were the first significant protest violence since the left-wing Syriza government came to power in January promising to repeal bailout austerity. Police said at least 50 people were detained.

The protest was timed to coincide with the start of debate on the bill, which includes consumer tax increases and pension reforms that will con-



Protesters march in front of the Greek parliament in Athens Wednesday as lawmakers began debating reforms needed to unlock a new eurozone bailout. LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

demn Greeks to years of more economic hardship.

The bill has fuelled anger among the governing left-wing Syriza party and led to a revolt by many party members against Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who has insisted the deal forged early Monday was

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Finance Minister

the best he could do to prevent Greece from crashing out of Europe's joint currency.

“I must tell you, that Monday morning at 9:30, it was the most difficult day of my life. It was a decision that will weigh on me for the rest of my life,” said Finance Minister Euclid

Tsakalotos.

“I don't know if we did the right thing. But I know we did something with the sense that we had no choice. Nothing was certain and nothing is,” he said as the debate kicked off.

Civil servants protested with a 24-hour strike that shut down state-run services across the country.

The bill is expected to pass with support from pro-European opposition parties.

Alternate Finance Minister Nadia Valavani resigned from her post, saying she could not vote in favour of the bill.

In a letter she sent to Tsipras on Monday, Valavani said she believed “dominant circles in Germany” were intent on “the full humiliation of the government and the country.”

Tsipras agreed to a deal after a marathon 17-hour eurozone summit that ended Monday morning.

It calls for Greece to pass new austerity measures in return for the start of negotiations on a third bailout worth about 85 billion euros (\$93 billion) in loans over three years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NO WRITE-OFFS

German officials concede the IMF may be right in saying that Greece's debt is too big to pay, no matter how many years it gets to pay it. Still, they exclude any write-offs. Here's why:

1. It's taxpayers' money, and these are elected officials in a country where bailing out Greeks for previous profligacy is not popular.
2. The European Union treaty forbids countries from taking on each other's debts.
3. Give one country a break, and others may wonder why they can't have one, too.
4. Future eurozone governments may look at the debt writedown and feel less compelled to keep debt under control.

5. Since its first bailout in 2010, Greece has been promising reforms. Somehow it never quite gets done.

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AUSCHWITZ

SS guard, 94, gets four years

Oskar Groening confessed during his trial to feeling “moral guilt” for serving as an SS sergeant at Auschwitz. On Wednesday, a court ruled that he was guilty of being an accessory to the murder of 300,000 Jews and sentenced him to four years in prison.

The 94-year-old, who testified that he oversaw the collection of prisoners' belongings — and ensured valuables and cash were separated to be sent to Berlin — listened expressionlessly to the verdict after a 2-1/2-month trial.

The verdict, and presiding Judge Franz Kompisch's detailing of the Lueneburg state court's ruling, renewed hope of more 11th-hour prosecutions of former members of the SS who served at death camps — no matter their age.

“This verdict was critical, because this is the first case brought where the prosecution charged a person who wasn't involved in the physical side of mass murder,” said the Simon Wiesenthal Center's head Nazi hunter, Efraim Zuroff, in a telephone interview from Belgrade.

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ROSENBERGS

Court record casts doubt on spy's role

The brother of Ethel Rosenberg, who was a star witness against his sister and brother-in-law in a sensational Cold War atomic spying case, minimized his dealings with his sister during an earlier appearance before a grand jury and said that they had never discussed her role “at all,” according to secret U.S. court records unsealed Wednesday.

The revelation may heighten public suspicion that Ethel Rosenberg was wrongly convicted and executed in an espionage case that captivated the country at the height of

appears to lend support to both sides of a duelling narrative — that Ethel Rosenberg was framed in an overzealous prosecution even as her husband seems to have played a central role in an intricate spy ring.

“You change a black-and-white Cold War narrative — framed or traitors — into a very nuanced, grey area,” said Tom Blanton, director of the National Security Archive at George Washington University.

The grand jury testimony from David Greenglass had been withheld from public view.

A federal judge in New York, responding to requests from a group of historians and archivists, ordered the 46-page transcript unsealed following Greenglass's death last year at age 92.

Greenglass presents Julius Rosenberg as a critical figure in the spying. But unlike his trial testimony, his statements to the grand jury offer no evidence of Ethel Rosenberg's involvement in the plot, said one of her sons, Robert Meeropol.

“David Greenglass emphatically states that his sister was not involved. He states it under oath,” Meeropol said.

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“You change a black-and-white Cold War narrative.”

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the McCarthy-era frenzy about Communist allegiances.

Rosenberg and her husband Julius were put to death in 1953 after being convicted of conspiring to steal secrets about the atomic bomb for the Soviet Union.

Historians and lawyers who reviewed the transcript said it

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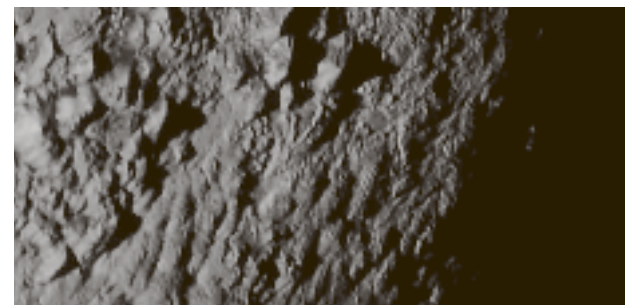
Scientists amazed at first close-ups of Pluto and moon

Scientists have released the first up-close images ever of Pluto and its big moon Charon. And they say they're amazed.

The long-awaited images were unveiled Wednesday in Maryland, home to mission operations for NASA's New Horizons spacecraft.

A zoom-in of Pluto reveals an icy range about as high as the Rockies. To the scientists' great surprise, there are no impact craters. On Charon, deep troughs and canyons can be seen.

The images were collected as New Horizons swept within 12,400 kilometres of Pluto



This image provided by NASA on Wednesday shows a region near Pluto's equator. NASA/JHUAPL/SWRI VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

on Tuesday, becoming Pluto's first visitor in its 4.5 billion-year existence. Scientists didn't

know until Tuesday night that the encounter was a success. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORWAY

Fuel tanker crashes in tunnel

The trailer of a tanker truck with some 16,500 litres of fuel got loose Wednesday and crashed into a subsea tunnel wall, causing a huge explosion, Norwegian rescue officials said. No one was seriously hurt.

The tunnel has been closed to everyone except firefighters. More than 20 people were evacuated from the tunnel and a nearby house, police spokesman Joern Lasse Refsnes said.

He said three people were checked for smoke inhalation at a nearby hospital.

Rescue spokeswoman Magni Brandsoey said the truck driver was able to get out and call a rescue centre. It was not clear how the trailer got loose.

Truck driver Tore Myrestrand told local newspaper Firda he had problems with the brakes in the deepest part of the tunnel that goes 91 metres below

sea level.

He said he rushed to grab an emergency phone in the tunnel to have it closed immediately.

Photos posted on Norwegian media show a huge black billow of smoke in the mountainous area in western Norway.

The explosion happened in a 1,901-metre subsea tunnel linking two islands in the Sogn og Fjordane county.

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Bank of Canada Senior Deputy Governor Carolyn Wilkins, left, looks on as Governor Stephen Poloz responds to a question during a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BoC cuts key interest rate

FINANCE

Loonie dives to post-recession low with rate reduction

The Bank of Canada cut its key interest rate on Wednesday, slashed its outlook for the economy and predicted a contraction in the second quarter due to lower oil prices and slumping exports — but the central bank governor wouldn't describe the country's economic woes as a recession.

The bank cut its target for the overnight rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 0.5 per cent, sending the Canadian dollar plunging to a post-recession low.

The loonie was down more than a full U.S. cent Wednesday afternoon to levels not seen since March 2009, when Canada was in the midst of a deep recession.

At one point, Canada's dollar was worth about 77.29 cents US, down from the previous close, but had been even lower earlier in the day.

TD Canada Trust was the first of Canada's banks to respond, though it only passed part of the rate cut as it reduced its prime rate by a tenth of a percentage point to 2.75 per cent. Moves in the prime rate directly affect the amount charged on loans such as variable rate mortgages and floating rate lines of credit.

The central bank also explained its lower outlook for economic growth — from 1.9 per cent earlier this year to 1.1 per cent — is due to Canadian oil producers cutting their investment plans by close to 40 per cent this year, compared with an earlier estimate of about 30 per cent.

Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz said exports are expected to fuel growth in the second half of the year.

"Along with the action that we've taken today, (that) makes us quite confident as we look into the second half of the year," he said.

Economists had been split in their predictions about what the Bank of Canada would do, with most, but not all, calling for a rate cut. THE CANADIAN PRESS

APPLE

New iPod Touch gets better processor, camera

Although the iPod's popularity has waned, Apple is updating its music player for the first time in nearly three years by giving the flagship Touch model a faster processor and better cameras.

The new iPod Touch also enables Apple Music, a \$10-a-month service that offers unlimited playback of millions of songs. Apple Music launched June 30 as music fans increasingly embrace subscriptions over pay-per-song services such as Apple's industry-leading iTunes.

Although music players existed before the original iPod's debut in 2001, the iPod was the first to simplify syncing with digital music collections on personal computers. It was Apple's first success beyond personal computers and began a company transformation that led to the iPhone in 2007, the iPad in 2010 and the Apple Watch this year.

Many people now listen to music on smartphones rather than iPods, though. Sales of

iPods peaked at nearly 55 million in fiscal 2008, the year after the iPhone came out. In the most recent fiscal year, which ended last September, Apple sold 14 million iPods — compared to 169 million iPhones.

Among the improvements are an improved processor that now matches that in the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus from last fall, rather than one from the iPhone 4s in 2011. Apple says the new chip is six times faster for general tasks and 10 times faster for graphics.

The rear camera can now take sharper pictures, at 8 megapixels. That matches recent iPhones and exceeds the 5 megapixels in the previous Touch.

Apple is introducing a new \$399 model with 128 gigabytes, matching the iPhone's maximum capacity. The \$199 base model has 16 gigabytes, enough for thousands of songs, though the iPod Touch is meant to hold photos, video and apps, too.

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IN BRIEF

Amazon hits Prime target

Amazon said Prime Day would be bigger than Black Friday, but some Amazon customers were disappointed by Prime Day, feeling the sales weren't deep enough. However, early data shows the promotion boosted sales, and by 1 p.m. Wednesday Amazon said the speed customers were ordering had surpassed Black Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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URBAN ETIQUETTE: ELLEN VANSTONE ON LITTERBUGS



THE QUESTION

While driving recently, I noticed people in the car ahead of me were throwing candy wrappers out the window. Was I right to draw attention to their anti-social behaviour?

Dear Ellen,

While driving recently, I noticed people in the car ahead of me were throwing candy wrappers out the window. At the next red light, I put my car in park, stormed up to the driver's window, and proceeded to strongly suggest they NOT throw garbage on to the street. They were extremely shocked! I actually felt kind of bad about upsetting the nice-looking group of young men and women who were clearly on their way to work.

Would it have been better to just ignore them? Or was I right to draw their attention to their anti-social behaviour?

Sincerely, Ellen.

Dear Ellen,

Okay, yes, I'm the Ellen who wrote that letter — the reason being that I feel strongly about littering and I simply cannot trust that a reader will bring up the subject eventually, or ever. It's an important topic, and I'm being completely transparent here about my agenda and my motives.

Also, the letter itself is sincere and factually accurate. I have, on occasion, gotten out of my car to remind other drivers on the road not to eject garbage from their car windows. In my expert opinion, I am perfectly within my rights to do so — I was respectful in my interaction with the litterbugs, and my actions were in keeping with the moral responsibility we all carry, which is to speak up against crimes both big and small against society rather than turn our backs on, and thus implicitly condone, destructive behaviours that hurt us all.

That being said, I do not advise any reader to follow my



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example. And, having thought it through, I won't do it again myself.

First of all, it probably isn't safe to leave your car running in the middle of the road in order to chase down another car for the purposes of delivering a lecture on urban etiquette. Secondly, you have no idea who these litterbugs might be — if they're rude or

ignorant enough to litter, who knows what other distasteful or even violent tendencies they might have? Thirdly, if you have passengers in your own car, it is inconsiderate, ergo rude, to abandon them in the middle of traffic, not to mention make them fear for their own safety if the litterbugs you are lecturing do tend towards violence and decide to retaliate physically.

If, however, you happen to be on foot and run into another (non-violent-looking) pedestrian who is tossing their trash willy-nilly, don't be afraid to say something. We're not talking public shaming here, just a friendly reminder that trash goes into trash bins.

+ DIRTY MONEY

Bylaws vary by community and what you're dumping, but littering is illegal everywhere. See how much a careless toss can set you back in cities across the country:

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Ottawa: \$305
Toronto: \$365
Winnipeg: \$100 - \$4,000
Calgary: \$500-\$1,000
Edmonton: \$250
Vancouver: up to \$2,000

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Pay your own way on dates: It's the feminist thing to do



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Every time I think we finally live in a progressive utopia, I see something like this Facebook post, from a female friend:

"Just went on a first date. A blind date. And had to pay. For both of us." The comments: "No more dates for that guy," "Uhhh winner!"

I find this attitude bratty, sexist and out of date. Think of how much paying for dates — even only first dates — adds up over a man's lifetime. It's only fair that ladies pay once in a while. With a few exceptions (if you suggest somewhere fancy, you pay), going Dutch should be the default.

To be clear: I'm talking about dating here. Treating your long-term partner once in a while is lovely. But by that time, you're making financial decisions as a de facto family unit. I'm also being a tad heteronormative (with same-sex dating, I'm told it's more common to split the bill).

I asked my date the other day what he'd do if a woman he was seeing never paid. He said he'd never ask, but simmer with resentment and eventually dump her. Seems time to break the taboo and communicate about money.

Conventionally, the asker pays. But if you meet online or on a dance floor and have been texting for a while, how do you even know who asked?

The lad mag Ask Men advises, "Make the first move when the bill comes. This goes not just for the first date,

but the early stages of the relationship. It indicates you're responsible. Women like that."

There's no argument for men paying that doesn't boil down to sexist garbage: "It makes me feel special" (work on your self-confidence), "It shows he's serious" (try asking if he's serious) and "I deserve to be treated" (the world doesn't owe you, princess).

Several male friends I asked said whoever's the least broke should pay — fair, though impractical. But a couple said a girl who asks to split is trying to make things non-romantic.

Getting treated's not romantic. This tradition didn't evolve because of chivalry. Now the gender wage gap is narrowing for professionals without kids, but historically women didn't have their own money.

Yet nothing was free. Having your meal paid for sets up a dynamic. You get a gift, and give something in return: your time, attention or more. It's a form of social control, though most men wouldn't see it that way. They're just being nice and following norms.

Paying your way signals you're there because you want to be. Being assertive about this can be hard. So say, "I always pay my share. It's important to me." Call it a political stance. You don't want to be with someone who doesn't respect your views anyways.

So do your part to change the culture. Next time you're catching a server's eye, think of the feminists who fought for your right to men's problems — work drama, combat wounds, and now, paying for dates. Then reach for your purse.

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Seven classics, revisited

SEQUELS

To Kill a Mockingbird isn't the only classic to get a Part Two

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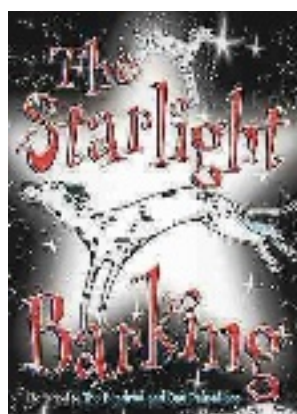
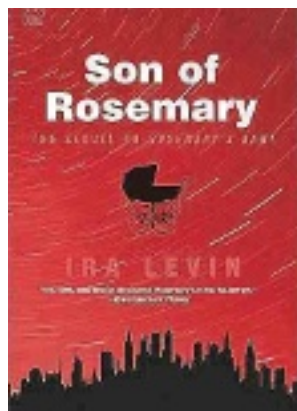
With Harper's Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* hitting shelves, we've rounded up sequels to some of the most popular reads of the last two centuries

Son of Rosemary by Ira Levin

After 26 years in a coma caused by the Castevens' Satanic coven, Rosemary awakens to find that her son Adrian is now an adult trying to do good in the world, despite his evil origins. The reunion turns sinister when she learns Adrian might not be able to help who he is and the human race could be doomed.

The Starlight Barking by Dodie Smith

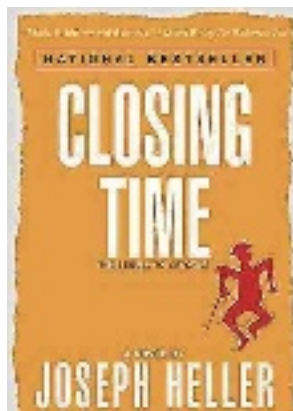
This sequel puts a sci-fi spin on the classic tale of an English couple and their 101 Dalmatians. When every human on Earth suddenly falls into a deep sleep, Dalmatians Pongo and Missus — along with the Prime Minister's dog Cadpig and other canines across London — must gather to discuss what to do. They are joined by



an extraterrestrial dog who attempts to help by giving them an otherworldly option.

Closing Time by Joseph Heller

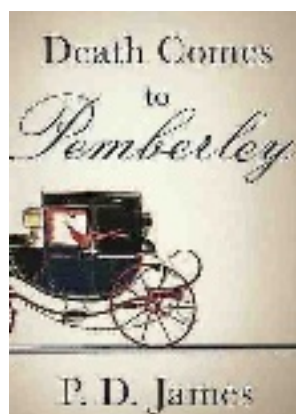
Fifty years after *Catch-22*, *Closing Time* finds protagonist Yossarian as an older man at the end of his life in Manhattan. Readers can expect another stint in the hospital. Yossar-



ian now working for Milo Minderbinder, Chaplain Tappan making an appearance, underground tunnels and a lot of talk of death.

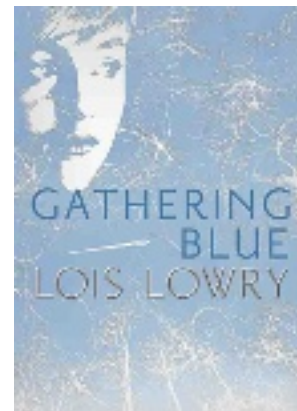
Little Men by Louisa May Alcott

Set after *Little Women*, *Little Men* follows second eldest sister Jo and her husband Friedrich Bhaer as they run a school



for boys at the Plumfield estate. We're introduced to students, among them orphans, street youth, Jo's sons Rob and Teddy and members of the Bhaer family, and follow their interactions with each other and the world over the course of six months.

That Was Then, This is Now by S.E. Hinton



This unofficial sequel to *The Outsiders* also takes place in Tulsa, Okla. and features characters from the first book. Brothers Bryon and Mark feel a strain in their relationship when they must find money for their mother's medical bills on top of dealing with girlfriends and local gangs.

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry's middle school classic *The Giver* is actually the first of a quartet. Each follows a character connected to *The Giver*'s Jonas. All live in villages in the same dystopian world. While all possess unique abilities, from embroidery to mind reading, it is ultimately their interactions that encourage a move to a safer community.

Death Comes to Pemberley by P.D. James

Although not written by Jane

+ ON SHELVES

Harper Lee book gets mixed reviews

• Harper Lee's second novel flew out of stores Tuesday in one of the most eagerly anticipated book releases in modern publishing history.



• Lee's only previous novel is considered a 20th Century classic that defined racial injustice in the Depression-era South of the U.S. and became standard reading in classrooms across the world.

• But many Lee fans have been hurt, embarrassed and even angered that Scout's adored father Atticus has turned into a bigot, a fall from grace for one of America's most loved literary heroes. AFP

Austen, this murder-mystery followup was widely enjoyed and praised upon its release. Taking place six years after *Pride and Prejudice*, on the night of an annual ball, a family member of the Darcys and the Bingleys is killed on *Pemberley* grounds. The group must find out who present did it and why.

Author bears a passport to history

A DESPERATE FORTUNE

Writer weaves story through travel, in-depth research

BOOKWORM

Sue Carter



When Susanna Kearsley writes, she describes the experience as if she has a film playing in her head.

"I'm on the main character's shoulder and I'm following along like a camera. I see what they see and I write down what they say," she says. "A lot of times the characters won't start talking until I'm standing on the spot where the characters are talking."

Those characters' words have filled Kearsley's passport with stamps from the U.K., Italy and other European locales. For her latest historical time-shifting caper, *A Desperate Fortune*, published by Simon & Schuster Canada, Kearsley bunked down at a gorgeous mid-1800s guest house

just outside Paris. The chateau inspired the residence of the book's protagonist, Sara Thomas, a computer programmer turned amateur code-cracker, who is hired to decipher a 300-year-old journal from Mary Dundas, an exiled Scottish Jacobite who becomes involved in a dangerous plan to smuggle a lead figure of the political movement to Rome.

While Kearsley's 12 novels (including a thriller written under the pseudonym Emma Cole) are popular for their signature mix of irresistible romance, mystery and adventure, the *New York Times*' bestselling author

is equally noted for her research and strong attention to historical accuracy.

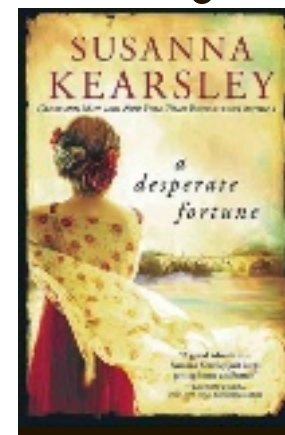
During her travels, she studies every detail, from public transit to the smell of the air.

"The research for me is a constant really happy rabbit hole that I go down on a daily basis," she says. "You have to get the lives of the present-day people right as well, especially if it's set in a country where you're not living. You have to make sure the details are accurate, that the landscapes you're moving them through are accurate and that the jobs of the people are

accurate."

It was a lesson that Kearsley took from her position as curator of a Canadian village museum, where at 22 years old, it was her job to interpret the lives of past generations.

"I try to make the past something that modern people can step into and can experience and know in a way that we can't always get out of strictly historical non-fiction. We tend to forget that people haven't changed that much. It's the ordinary lives I like to get into." Sue Carter is the editor at *Quill & Quire* magazine.



COMIC-CON

Eisenberg elaborates**Jesse Eisenberg.** GETTY IMAGES

The *Social Network* star Jesse Eisenberg has raised more than a few eyebrows with his not-too-nice analogy for his experience of attending Comic-Con last week.

"It is like being screamed at by thousands of people," he told the Huffington Post. "I don't know what the experience is throughout history, probably some kind of genocide. I can't think of anything that's equivalent."

Yikes. But don't worry, the comments have attracted enough attention that Eisenberg has had a chance to clear up any confusion, telling the *Hollywood Reporter*, "I of course was using hyperbole to describe the sensory overload I experienced. I sometimes do employ that."

Well, sure. Why not? "I'm a normal person who has normal sensory experiences, so Comic-Con was very overwhelming for me. That said, it was really an honour to be on that end of such jubilation." So, all good now? NED EHRBAR/METRO

Baby news shocks fans

**One Direction fans dismayed by report Louis Tomlinson to be a father.** GETTY IMAGES

ONE DIRECTION

Tomlinson of One Direction announces he will be a dad

One Direction fans reacted with dismay Wednesday to a report that band member Louis Tomlinson is to become a father.

Publicist Simon Jones declined to comment on a *People* magazine report saying 23-year-old Tomlinson is ex-

pecting a child with American stylist Briana Jungwirth.

Fans responded on Twitter using the hashtag #OhNoLouis, and one wrote a song called No Birth Control teasing the boy band star. On the streets of London, reaction ranged from shock to disbelief.

"Is it an accident?" asked 16-year-old Australian fan Tara Kay. "That's crazy."

Clara Foxonnet, a 16-year-old fan from France, refused to believe it. "It can't be real! It's not possible," she said.

Australian fan Kiri Deane-Spread Speir, 17, said the news was "a shock. But I am not going to get angry ... If he is happy, I am happy."

And 18-year-old

Solveig Diers from Germany wondered how the news would affect the band's carefree image and its popularity with teen and preteen girls.

"It doesn't fit into their perfect picture of a boy group," she said.

The chart-topping British band was formed in 2010 after five teenagers — Tomlinson, Harry Styles, Liam Payne, Niall Horan and Zayn Malik — auditioned individually for the British TV talent show *The X Factor*. Simon Cowell had the idea of putting them together as a boy band.

Malik quit the group earlier this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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+ SEAL OF APPROVAL; ARMED ROBBERY

You wear it well

Rod Stewart says he's angry an image of him wearing a seal-skin coat is being used to support the industry.

The musician was in St. John's, N.L., to play a concert and stopped into a store to pick up capes for some of his crew. A message posted on his Facebook page says the shop's owner asked if he would pose for a photo in the jacket. The post says Stewart regrets he didn't check what the jacket was made of and is upset the photo is being used as an advertisement for an industry he does not support.

Darren Halloran of the store Always in Vogue says Stewart and his entourage were informed and it's possible he wasn't aware of the politics surrounding the seal industry. Halloran says he's sorry Stewart is getting some criticism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chris Brown home invasion

Three armed men in masks forced their way into a Los Angeles home owned by Chris Brown, locked the R&B singer's aunt in a closet and then ransacked the place for valuables, police said.

Brown was not at the home during the robbery which happened around 2 a.m. Wednesday, Officer Liliana Preciado said. The suspects got away with an unknown amount of cash, electronics and personal items, she said. Brown's aunt was not hurt.

Investigators have not released descriptions of the suspects, who were armed with handguns and wore bandanas around their faces, police said.

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KARDASHIAN

Kim acts pregnant

Maybe it doesn't count as news that Kim Kardashian is being more than a little demanding while pregnant.

I mean, this is Kim Kardashian we're talking about. But apparently, even though she's not the most reasonable person on a normal day and has already been pregnant, this one is really standing out.

"She's started requesting that a chair be on hand at all times in case she gets tired of standing. She's also requesting to only fly private so she can have room to sprawl out — and because she doesn't want others around," a source tells

In Touch.

**Kim Kardashian.** GETTY IMAGES

"She also has designer clothing custom-tailored — even jeans — to fit her pregnant body and make her look her best. She's really going to extremes this time." Sounds delightful.

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What they're asking



When families outgrow inner-city condos, the next step is to seek a single-family dwelling. Townhomes or bungalows in the suburbs are a popular option. Here's a selection of three-bedroom modern bungalows outside the city core. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



\$399,900
Ottawa

Here we have a contemporary, brick-built property at 14 Rayburn St., in the Morgan's Grant community. The home features a walk-out located on a quiet street, close to all amenities. The main level offers nine-foot ceilings throughout, with a large living room and dining room, a spacious kitchen with plenty of counter space, and a good-sized eating area. There's main-floor laundry and a master bedroom with walk-in closet and ensuite. The finished lower level is complete with a den and recreation room. Listing agent is Geoff McGowan with Re/Max Affiliates Brokerage, 613-216-1755.



\$1,090,000
Halifax
This rancher-style home is on a waterfront lot at 80 Joan Elizabeth Way at Sandy Point Estates. This custom-built home boasts plenty of natural light and high-end features, plus an open-concept layout, highlighted by exotic hardwood and slate tile throughout. There's a cherrywood kitchen with granite counters and built-in appliances. The great room has an airtight, wood-burning fireplace and great views of the water. The master bedroom has a five-piece marble ensuite. Listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo with Re/Max Nova, 902-830-9006.



\$889,900
Calgary
You can buy this estate bungalow at 543 Lake Moraine, in one of Calgary's most desirable districts. The home has been updated overall, and includes an open kitchen with quality cabinets, granite countertops, double ovens and a gas stove. The property has a south-west rear exposure along with a mature, park-like yard. The home is just a short walk away from the lake, an arena, schools, and the Lake Bonavista Mall. Listing agent is Jim S. Ashe, an associate with Re/Max First brokerage, 403-278-2900.



\$1,249,000
Toronto
Here's a special home in the Wentworth community in West Lansing. This double-brick, fully insulated home at 284 Burnett Ave. boasts a double garage, a huge master suite with a renovated bathroom, heated floors and a walk-in closet. The bright, open living areas include a modern kitchen with granite bar and new, stainless-steel appliances. Outside is a fenced-in pool and maintenance-free lawn. The property is close to a public school and the subway. Listing agent is Ora Ross with The Mulholland Ross Team, 416-230-8500.



\$564,900
Winnipeg
This 1,670 sq. ft. home at 8 Fieldberry Way shows what you can get in the upscale neighbourhood of East St. Paul. Listing agent Lynne Couture says it's a stunning property, and that it's tough to get into the Prichard Farms area for less than \$600,000. The great room features a gas fireplace and panoramic windows, and the eat-in kitchen has wood cabinetry, solid surface countertops and plenty of cooking space. The finished basement has a wet bar and entertainment area. Couture is with Ethos Realty, 204-997-0867.



\$705,000
Vancouver
Modern bungalows aren't very common in B.C. Here's a nice one in the Fraser Heights neighbourhood of North Surrey. This rancher-style home at 10586 Glenwood Dr. N. sold at press time for \$705,000. Listing agent Michael Quesnel says it's a charming home on a really great street. The house has vaulted ceilings, a three-bedroom, three-bathroom layout, and more than 2,000 sq. ft. on a level lot. Outdoors is a covered living space, fenced-in yard and a garage. Quesnel is with Royal LePage Sussex, West Vancouver, 604-925-2911.

City's Chamber music fest one of a kind

The Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival, the largest of its kind in the world, kicks off on July 23 and runs through Aug. 6.

The festival includes 100 concerts and events by 450 artists over 15 days and, for the first time in its history, offers stunning theatrical performances.

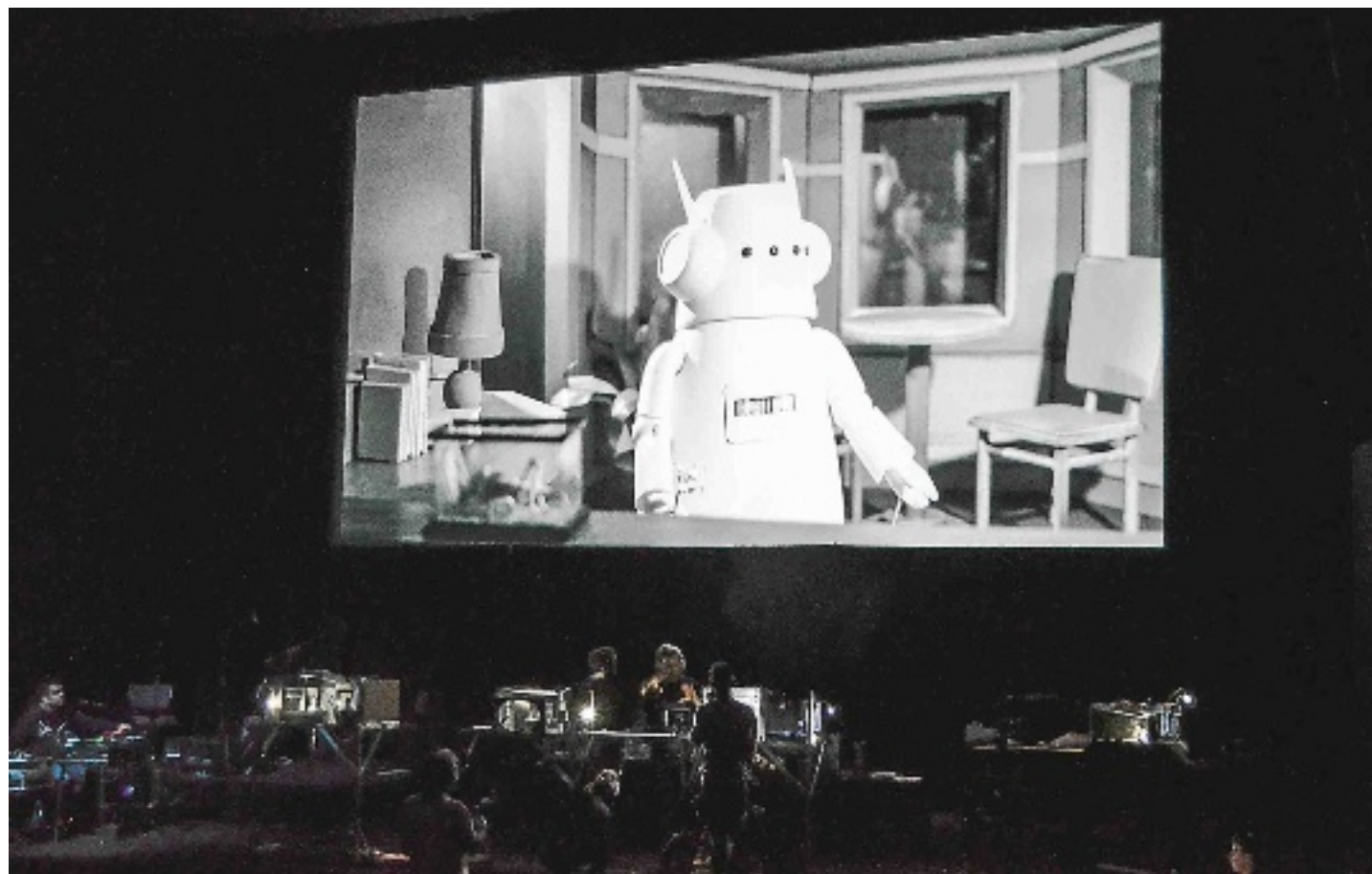
#UncleJohn is a radically reimagined version of Mozart's Don Giovanni, created and performed by Toronto's Against the Grain Theatre. The performance sees the audience seated at a wedding reception and involves the use of modern day technology, like iPads and cellphones.

The cast features two critically acclaimed Ottawa sopranos — Miriam Khalil and Sharleen Joynt, who recently appeared on The Bachelor.

Another not-to-be-missed theatrical performance at the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival this year is Kid Koala's Nufonia Must Fall Live. The brainchild of Montreal-based scratch DJ and producer Kid Koala, this multidisciplinary adaptation of his graphic novel Nufonia Must Fall includes puppets, live video, a master DJ and a string quartet. The story centres around a robot who is infatuated with a human girl who works a meaningless desk job. The live adaptation unfolds via realtime filming of more than a dozen miniature stages and a cast of puppets. Kid Koala and the Afiara Quartet provide live scoring on piano, strings and turntables.

Rounding out Chamberfest's theatrical, multimedia performances is Illusions, a "high-art experience" that explores the realm of the carnival midway and Spell to Bring Lost Creatures Home, a series of vignettes seen through a window.

Of course, the Ottawa International



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Chamber Music Festival also features a bevy of world class musicians, including iconic Chilean group Inti-Illimani, who are only performing in Canada twice this year — at the Pan Am Games and Ottawa Chamberfest. Performed on more than 30 wind, string

and percussion instruments, Inti-Illimani's compositions are a whirlwind of Andean folk music, Argentinian tango, Brazilian samba and old Spanish influences.

There are also three fundraising Festival Galas, which will benefit the Ottawa Cham-

ber Music Society, and the festival's closing night features two world-renowned guitar trios coming together for an unforgettable evening.

For a full festival guide, tickets and more information, visit chamberfest.com.

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Halifax's Ellie Black performs her floor routine in Toronto on Wednesday. MARTA IWANEK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada strikes Black gold again

PAN AM 2015

Halifax star takes medal tally to five

It took just five days of competition at the 2015 Pan American Games for Canada to eclipse its gold-medal total from four years ago.

Canadian athletes won six more gold medals in Wednesday's morning and afternoon events, giving the host nation 31 overall.

Canada won 30 gold medals total over 16 days at the 2011 Games in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Halifax gymnast Ellie Black and Canada's rowing team contributed multiple gold medals Wednesday, while Calgary shooter Lynda Kiejko won her second gold of the Games.

Black won gold in the women's balance-beam competition and in the floor exercise, giving her

five medals in five events.

Black nailed her balance-beam routine with a score of 15.050 at the highest difficulty level. After her floor exercise routine that got her a score of 14.400, she blew kisses to the crowd at Toronto Coliseum as fans roared and waved Canadian flags.

Earlier in the Games, the 19-year-old won gold in the all-around, bronze in the vault and earned silver in the team event.

"The support here has been amazing," Black said. "I was so proud of our team coming in silver, and individually in my finals I was not expecting half of this. So thank you to everyone."

Canada earned a medal in four of five races, including three gold, on the final day of rowing competition at the Royal Canadian Henley course in St. Catharines,

Ont. The men's lightweight coxless fours, the men's eight and the women's quadruple sculls all topped the podium, while Rob Gibson of Kingston, Ont., added a silver in men's single sculls.

The men's eights led from start to finish, finishing three seconds ahead of Argentina with a time of six minutes 7.01 seconds.

The eights crew included all four members of the gold-medal-winning men's coxless four from earlier in the meet.

Kiejko swept the women's pistol events with a win in the women's 25 metres.

The Calgary native beat Sandra Uptagrafft 7-3 in the final round to earn Canada's third shooting gold of the Games.

Kiejko also won gold in the women's 10-metre air pistol on Sunday.

“This was more than I expected. This has been incredible.”
Ellie Black

Owning the podium



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Around the Toronto area. In addition to Ellie Black's gold-medal double on Wednesday, Canada also topped the podium in women's quad sculls, from top, women's 25-metre pistol, men's lightweight four and men's eights rowing. Go to metronews.ca for more coverage of the Pan Am Games.



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Kesler at home in Anaheim

NHL

Centre happy as Ducks offer him six-year, \$41m deal

Centre Ryan Kesler got comfortable quickly with the Anaheim Ducks, and the club let him know the feeling is definitely mutual.

The veteran centre agreed to a six-year, \$41.25 million US contract extension with the Ducks on Wednesday, cementing a long-term commitment after just one season together.

"I definitely feel a part of the core group now," Kesler said. "They wanted me, and I wanted to stay." Kesler had 20 goals, 27 assists and 75 penalty minutes last year in Anaheim after spending his first nine NHL seasons with the Vancouver Canucks. The hard-nosed U.S. Olympian filled a key role as the Ducks' second-line centre while matching up defensively against many teams' top scorers.

Kesler also had seven goals and six assists in a standout play-off effort as the three-time Pacific Division champion Ducks fell one game short of the Stanley Cup Final, losing to Chicago in the Western Conference finals.

"That dressing room is so close, and we hold ourselves to

the highest standard," Kesler said. "That group is not satisfied until we win a Stanley Cup. When we do win that Stanley Cup, I don't think we'll be satisfied then, either."

"We're going to want another one. We were one game away from going to the final, and that experience will help us next year."

Kesler has one year left on his current contract. His new deal has an average annual value of \$6.875 million and extends through the 2021-22 season, when he will be 37 years old — not that he's counting.

"This isn't my last contract," Kesler said. "I want another one after this. Right now."

The deal still provides extraordinary long-term security for a player in his 30s, but the Ducks are banking on Kesler being a key part of their near future as they attempt to breach the final barriers to the franchise's second championship. Anaheim was on the brink last season, but lost the last two games of the conference finals to the eventual champion Blackhawks. "We needed a killer instinct in Game 6," Kesler said of the Ducks' first potential elimination game, a blowout loss in Chicago. "We didn't have it. There are two ways we can go about it: We can sulk about it, or we can learn from it. ... That's not going to happen again."

Kesler is eager to resume his connection with Kevin Bieksa, his former roommate and the longtime Canucks defenceman acquired by the Ducks last month.

Bieksa is the biggest off-season addition to the Ducks, who shuffled their lineup significantly despite their success.

+ DONE DEALS

Schultz staying on Oilers

Justin Schultz and the Edmonton Oilers have settled on a \$3.9 million US, one-year contract. Restricted free agent Schultz earned his second straight one-year deal.

The 25-year-old has been considered a big piece of the Oilers' future, and the pressure remains for him to grow into a top-four mainstay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dallas snaps up Oduya

Johnny Oduya watch is over. The veteran defenceman has signed a \$7.5-million US, two-year contract with the Dallas Stars.

The two-time Stanley Cup-winner with the Chicago Blackhawks was considered among the best free agents available. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rangers re-sign McIlrath

The New York Rangers have re-signed restricted free agent defenceman Dylan McIlrath.

McIlrath had six goals and 11 assists in 73 games with the Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL) last season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anaheim also acquired forwards Carl Hagelin, Shawn Horcoff and Chris Stewart, while defenceman Francois Beauchemin and forwards Matt Beleskey, Emerson Etem and Kyle Palmieri all departed.

Kesler's long-term deal se-



Anaheim Ducks' centre Ryan Kesler scored 20 goals last season and was rewarded with a new deal. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

cures a key component of the Ducks' future, but general manager Bob Murray has more work to do with the Ducks' restricted free agents.

Restricted free agent forward Jakob Silfverberg, Kesler's once-and-future linemate, is nego-

tiating a long-term contract. Goalie Frederik Andersen, centre Rickard Rakell and defencemen Hampus Lindholm, Sami Vatanen and Simon Despres all could be restricted free agents next summer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Majka wins Stage 11 but Froome still leading Tour

Rafal Majka led a solo breakaway to win the 11th stage of the Tour de France under a scorching sun on Wednesday, leaving behind a small group of rivals on the hardest climb of Day 2 in the Pyrenees mountains as Chris Froome easily retained the yellow jersey.

The stage victory by Majka, a Pole who won twice on last year's Tour, provided a lift for a Tinkoff Saxo Bank team whose leader, two-time Tour winner Alberto Contador, has been struggling in this year's race. Tinkoff Saxo became the seventh squad to win a stage in a race otherwise dominated by Froome's powerful Team Sky. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Source: New contract ends Bryant's Dallas drama

A person close to the negotiations says Dez Bryant has agreed to a five-year, \$70 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The deal with the All-Pro receiver broke a stalemate that lasted months, and ended about an hour before the Wednesday deadline to get a multiyear deal done. Bryant had threatened to skip training camp and regular-season games without a new contract.

Now the Cowboys can focus on defending their NFC East title and trying to make a deeper playoff run after one that ended on Bryant's much-debated catch that wasn't in a divisional-round loss to Green Bay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 6 pieces romaine lettuce
- 6 slices tomato

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1. Combine hot BBQ sauce, chicken, green onions and cilantro in a bowl.

2. Separately, combine coleslaw, mayonnaise and vinegar in a bowl.

3. Place lettuce and tomato on bottom of buns. Divide chicken mixture over top and then coleslaw.

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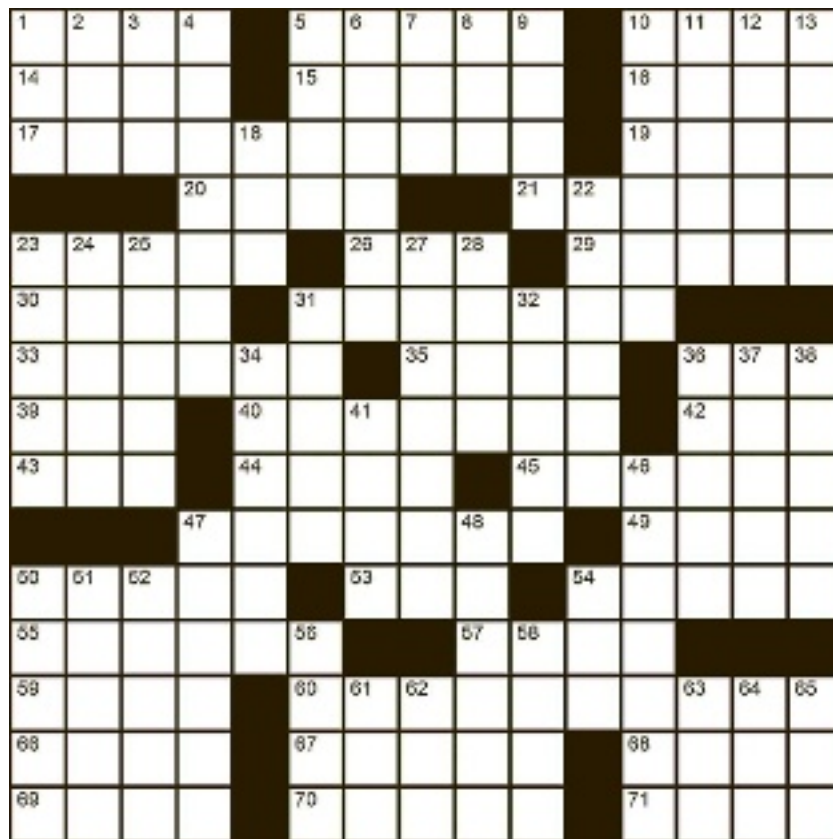
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ACROSS

1. _ Gold (Canadian brand of pretzels since 1917)
5. Singer known for her numbered albums
10. Outfit
14. Cream-filled cookie
15. Red carpet cars
16. Away from the wind, at sea
17. Party mix pieces: 2 wds.
19. Lemon's friend
20. Slacken
21. Cream-filled pastry
23. Sculptor of ancient Athens known for the Discus Thrower
26. Bar drink
29. Party givers
30. Hairdo
31. "Hurdy Gurdy Man" singer
33. Hearty laugh
35. Shades
36. Morn's follower
39. Gwen's "Rich Girl" collaborator
40. Rebels/rule breakers
42. Former bird of New Zealand
43. 'Ballad' suffix
44. Thaw
45. The _ : Canadian punk band known for "New York City"
47. Type of grill
49. Burden
50. Bustling
53. The Guess _
54. Literary genre
55. Billy's beard?
57. Canadian comedian Caroline
59. Long-range



weapon, commonly
60. Canadian invented kitchen gadget to zest oranges, grate garlic, etc.
66. Bug type
67. Rarified fluid in the veins of ancient Greek gods

68. Prime Minister William _ Mackenzie King (b.1874 - d.1950)
69. Fork-tailed sea bird
70. "You _" by Alanis Morissette
71. Archery bow trees

DOWN

1. Steal
2. Parry Sound, Ontario-born hockey legend Bobby
3. Grazing grass-land
4. Fall asleep: 2 wds.
5. Shakespeare's _ Well

That Ends Well
6. Money, informally
7. Flightless flapper
8. Batch
9. Latin 'being'
10. Gas quantity
11. Old Jennifer Garner series
12. Send payment

13. Labatt products
18. Canadian singer/songwriter Mr. Tyson
22. Ballerina's gliding step
23. The Cremation of Sam _ (Yukon-set poem by Robert Service)
24. James Taylor hit: " _ Got a Friend"
25. More abundant
27. Disconnect the trailer from the car
28. Grimace
31. Dork
32. Rigoletto opera composer
34. Like, as a work of art
36. _ acid
37. Concentrate
38. Cup, in a Montreal restaurant
41. Imperfection
46. Respectably/virtuously
47. Bret "The _" Hart, Canadian wrestling legend
48. Shriek!-inducing film genre
50. Don't look _ horse in the mouth
51. Architectural base
52. Southern Alberta town
54. Sprightliness
56. Early filmdom's Mr. Jannings
58. Highway honker
61. Frozen stuff
62. Pussycat Dolls hit: "Don't _"
63. Pirate's positive
64. This moment
65. Nav. rank

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Forget about the past, it is over and done with. Only the future counts and today's new moon means the future starts for you right here and right now.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You need to come out of your shell and remind the world that you exist. Don't limit yourself to the tried and tested: the more you experiment the more likely it is you will find what you are looking for - and others will value your worth.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The new moon indicates that if someone makes you an offer of a financial nature it is most likely on the level and should be seriously considered.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Others may doubt that you are on the right track but with the new moon on your side you will win them over before the end of the day. This is your time of year.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do what makes you happy rather than what makes friends and family happy. If you don't feel like socializing or travelling or communicating over the next 24 hours, then don't.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do you change with the times or do you expect the times to change for you? The latter isn't going to happen, of course, so forget it and get to work on a project that will dovetail nicely with the new world you find yourself in.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's new moon will give you the courage to stand up and take charge. What happens over the next 24 hours could change the working course of your life dramatically.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't worry about minor matters today because it is the big picture you should be looking at now. Take an overview of what is happening, both in your personal affairs and in the world at large. What you see will surely delight you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Focus on what is truly important today: your long-term financial security. What you begin over the next 24 hours will pay big dividends in the not-too-distant future.

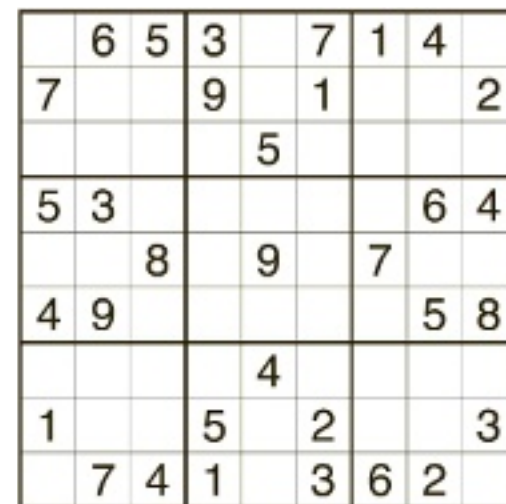
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will have to work hard to overcome some sort of challenge today. But anyone who thinks they are tough enough to take you on and win will soon be nursing their wounds!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must be pragmatic and deal with each situation as it arises and on its own terms. There is no point complaining about those who are dragging their feet or doing things the wrong way.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Amazing things will happen for no apparent reason over the next 24 hours. The new moon is well and truly on your side. Creatively and romantically you can do no wrong.

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